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Bail Bond Oversight Board Meeting

Meeting Information

Date: March 19, 2008

Time: Noon **Place:** **Beehive Room**, East Building
(behind the Capitol)

Board Members

Dominic Sanone, Chairman
Clayton A. Simms, LLC
Camille L. Neider
Mickey Braun

Wayne Carlos, Vice-Chairman
Michael Weddington
Bert Christenson
Megan I. Corrent

Insurance Department Staff

Perri Babalis
Jilene Whitby

Darrel Powell
Robert Herrera

Tara Buehner

Tracy Klausmeier

MINUTES

Welcome

Executive Session (Closed to the Public)

- **Complaint / Investigation / Unpaid Forfeiture Report** / Tara Buehner
 - **Closed Complaints-** #1 Complaint: Second complaint filed by Joyce Rood. She wanted to confirm that she was not entitled to a refund of the credit card processing fee assessed by Bad Boys Bail Bonds.
 - #2 Complaint: Department received notification that Gordon Bail Bonds has a bonding limit of \$0.00 with the Salt Lake Justice Court. Tara verified the bonding limit. Gordon is backed by International Fidelity Insurance Company and allowed \$250,000 per bond.
 - #3 Complaint: Statewide Bail Bonds, unpaid forfeiture judgment. The judgment was in the amount of \$10,000. Statewide paid \$8,000 and is contesting the outstanding \$2,000. San Juan County is satisfied at this time. Case Closed.
 - #4 Complaint: Steve's Bail Bonds, unpaid forfeiture judgment. Case closed without action.
 - #5 Complaint: A-1 Bail Bonds, unpaid forfeiture judgment. Case closed without action.
 - #6 Complaint: Utah Bail Bonds, unpaid forfeiture judgment. Case closed without action.
 - #7 Complaint: 2nd Chance Bail Bonds, unpaid forfeiture judgment. License was suspended on 2/29/08 for failure to pay. 2nd Chance paid the forfeiture and the suspension was lifted on 3/14/08. Tara checked with Weber County. No new bonds were written after 3/1/08.
 - **Open Complaints-** #1 Complaint: Hometown Bail Bonds. Gary Walton provided information that Thomas Hatrick was acting as a bail enforcement officer. The thought was that Mr. Hatrick's bail enforcement license had been revoked. Dominic said he had heard it had been reinstated. This case was opened 3/19/08. More information to follow at next meeting.
 - #2 Complaint: Hometown Bail Bonds. Case was opened 3/19/08. Dominic was familiar with the case. He stated he had spoken with the complainant and had urged him to contact the department. More information to follow, next meeting.
 - #3-7 Complaints: These cases involved unpaid forfeiture judgments. However, the information provided to the department was incomplete. Cases will be addressed once the proper information is received.

- #8 Investigation: Torrey Morrison, Bail Agent. Rebel Bail stated that Ms. Morrison had committed fraud by not returning the required collected premium to Rebel Bail. Ms. Morrison now works for Beehive Bail Bonds. Mike was familiar with the situation and had spoken with Ms. Morrison about it. The department has contacted Ms. Morrison for her statement.
- #9 Complaint: 1st Out Bail Bonds, exceeding approved bonding limits. This is still under investigation and may require an audit. The department will be requesting a list of all unpaid forfeitures to compare with 1st Out records.
- #10 Complaint: Speedy Release Bail Bonds. Tara contacted the Sevier County Jail and was told there was no advertising for Richfield Bail Bonds. Department is seeking a \$10,000 forfeiture for advertising violation. The board agreed.
- Dominic noted that Real Bail Bonds was advertising on a bus bench on Salt Lake County Sheriff's property. The department will look into this complaint. Dominic made a **motion** to close Executive Session and move to Public Session. Mike seconded it and the vote was unanimous.
- **Application** / Mickey Braun
None

General Session (*Open to the Public*)

- **Introduction of New Board Member, Megan Corrent** / Mickey
Dominic noted that new board member, Megan Corrent, had not received notification of this meeting and has another obligation. Ms. Corrent will be in attendance next meeting. Dominic also provided an email address for Ms. Corrent. Micorrent@hotmail.com
- **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
Wayne made a **motion** to adopt previous minutes and Mike seconded it. The vote was unanimous.
- **Approval of Recommended Actions from Executive Session**
Mike made a **motion** to approve, Wayne seconded it and the vote was unanimous.
- **Application** / Mickey Braun
None
- **Old Business**
 - **Review Changes Made to Rules R590-186 & 196**
 - Wayne asked if bonds were counted per bond or per transaction with the client.
 - Mike inquired about initiating collection action and does collateral need to be converted to a dollar amount? Perri stated that would be up to the department to determine the worth.
 - Wayne asked if there were a minimum write off amount?
 - Mickey will take the board's suggestions and make proper changes. He will see that the board gets a copy of the changes.
 - This rule will not be brought to the board again unless problems occur at the hearing.
- **New Business**
None
- **Adjourn**
At 1:20pm Wayne made a **motion** to adjourn and Bert seconded it.

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